Industries in Rajasthan

3115. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of industries/factories established in Rajasthan as compared to other States during the last three years and till date in view of the needs of economic and industrial development of the State particularly in the backward areas of the State;

(b) whether Government have formulated any new policy to set up industries thereon priority basis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (c) Information relating to the number of industries set up in the non-SSI sector in percentage terms in the State of Rajasthan as compared to other States in the country during the last three years between January 1999 to March 2002 is annexed as Statement. *(See* below)

Under the liberalised industrial policy, setting up of industries depends upon the commercial judgement of the entrepreneur which, in turn, is based on the initiatives taken by the State Government by way of providing basic infrastructural facilities and other incentives. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments through schemes such as Growth Centre Scheme, Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre Scheme and other incentives.

The Growth Centre Scheme is a major effort to promote industrialisation of backward areas in the country. 833 industrial units are reported to have been established at 68 Growth Centres sanctioned in various States of the country. Five Growth Centres have been sanctioned in Rajasthan at Abu Road, Bhilwara, Khara, Dholpur and Jhalawar. 210 industrial units have been established in these five growth centres. An amount of Rs. 2370 lakh has been released as Central assistance for these centres.

Statement

State-wise details of percentage of industries / factories set up between January, 1999 to March 2002 in the non-SSI Sector

Name of the State	Percentage
Andaman & Nicobar	0.00
Andhra Pradesh	10.30
Arunachal Pradesh	0.00
Assam	1.45
Bihar	0.18
Chhattisgarh	0.48
Chandigarh	0.00
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1.27
Daman & Diu	1.39
Delhi	0.12
Goa	2.42
Gujarat	12.67
Haryana	5.76
Himachal Pradesh	0.85
Jammu & Kashmir	0.12
Jharkhand	0.73
Karnataka	2.67
Kerala	1.33
Lakshadweep	0.00
Madhya Pradesh	3.70
Maharashtra	12.67
Manipur	0.00
Meghalaya	0.30
Mizoram	0.00
Nagaland	0.00
Orissa	0.61
Pondicherry	0.61
Punjab	5.52

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Rajasthan	5.94
Sikkim	0.00
Tripura	0.00
Tamil Nadu	10.24
Uttar Pradesh	9.52
West Bengal	8.67
Location in more than one State	0.24
TOTAL:	100.00

NOTE: Information on units set up in the non-SSI sector is based on Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda which have reported implementation and industrial licences issued.

Import scenario

†3116. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are importing those goods which are abundantly produced in the country;

(b) if so, the details of items so imported; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to export the agricultural goods in view of increased production thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Import restrictions on items including agricultural commodities are being removed as a part of economic liberalization programme of the Government and also in terms of our international obligations. At present, all the items on which import restrictions were maintained on account of balance of payment reasons are freely importable. The removal of restrictions has not altered the overall rate of growth of imports of the country. The growth rate of imports

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.